Bible & Daily Living

Communication of the message

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PARABLE OF THE VINEYARD
Lesson for January 8, 1984
Bible Study Passage: Isaiah 5:1-7
Introduction

Methods of communication have drastically changed from the days of our biblical ancestor, Isaiah. The sophistication of our tel-electronics system would make Alexander Graham Bell roll over in his grave! The telephone is almost unrecognizable anymore!

Companies who have something to sell know how to use the media blitz to get the word out about their line of products. They know how to use television as a means to reach millions of people. And that means big bucks. Many commercials come close to extortion.

There are a number of churches and evangelists who use the television to broadcast the Good News. Some of these do a good job while others offer a hyped up religion that manipulates people to support a personality with a vague ministry. Such television productions costs millions while people suffer from hunger and disease. At times the church is no less guilty than the government of waste!

The week's lesson looks at the means Isaiah used to proclaim his message.

A Song of Doom [Isaiah 5:1-2]

The television commercial producers know how to get people's attention. Once they have our attention they usually get our dollars! Perhaps you've heard the saying, "To get a mule's attention you hit him between the eyes with a two-by-four!"

In this passage we hear the prophet Isaiah singing a song to the people of Israel. His "song" contained religious messages. In it he describes a friend with a vineyard. The setting is a vineyard on a "fruitful hill." The vineyard owner has taken the necessary steps to insure a good harvest of grapes. For all of the efforts of the vineyard owner he reaped a harvest of wild grapes. What a disappointment to a man who had worked so hard and done all the right things to insure a good harvest.

The song continues with a series of questions aimed at his audience. This song is actually a parable, much like the kind of parable Jesus used. The meaning of the parable is clear only to those "with ears to hear and eyes to see." Isaiah's parable-song was not meant to entertain them, but to get them to think.

Fina.., the meaning of the parable is revealed. Isaiah is actually describing the nation of Israel and God as the "owner." The sadness is in the fact that God's "harvest" bore no resemblance to the expectations he had for his people. Like a good parent, God has raised up his children only to see them turn against him and go their own way. And, not only did they rebel against God, they also treated one another with disrespect. "He looked for justice, but saw only bloodshed; he listened for righteousness but heard only the cries of the afflicted" (author's paraphrase of Isaiah 7:1b).

It might be good for Bible class members to ponder how injustice is being done in their own community and seek ways to relieve those who suffer. It would also prove helpful for class members to talk about what methods of communicating the Gospel are most effective. Class members might evaluate their church's methods of communicating with the community. Perhaps they can discover effective means of conveying their church's interest in others. What do you think God is saying of the church today in light of the human problems?

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TROY JOHNSON is shown here with the bedroom suite donated by Thomasville Furniture which he won as grand prize in a contest sponsored by the Appomattox County Volunteer Rescue Squad. The prize will be given away at the Fifth District Meeting of the Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads, hosted by the Appomattox squad. Troy's father is an active member of the Monelison Rescue Squad. The Appomattox squad members thanked Thomasville and all those who donated prizes to help make the meeting a tremendous success. "We look forward to serving the people of this county in 1984," commented a squad spokesman. (Photo by Cecil Kidd)

Jordan Church news

The Senior Choir will practice Thursday, Jan. 5 at 7:30 p.m.

The Junior Choir will meet Saturday, Jan. 7, at 6 p.m.

The Usher Board will meet Saturday, Jan. 7, at 6 p.m.

Regular preaching service will be held the second Sunday at 5:30 p.m.

At 7:30 p.m. on the second Sunday slides on Africa will be shown by Mr. and Mrs. Dan Carson.

A child's coat was left at Jordan Baptist Church after Rickey Carter's wedding, Nov. 26. Anyone missing such a coat please contact Hilda Jones at 352-8073.

Mt. Shiloh Church news

Sunday morning services at Mt. Shiloh Baptist Church will be conducted by the Rev. Robert Riggins, of Lynchburg. All are invited to attend.

The Appomattox Branch of the NAACP will meet Monday evening at 7 p.m. at the Spout Spring Community Center.

The community was saddened to hear of the passing of a beloved county citizen, Mrs. Lillie Clayton Stevens. Our hearts go out in sympathy to her husband and family.

The community welcomes the returning of Mr. Daniel Tanner and Mrs. Bessie Doss Bolden to the community.

Please pray for the sick and shut-ins.

Join your neighbors in prayer services Friday evening, Jan. 6 at 7 p.m.

Death Notices

Edna St. John Brightwell

Edna St. John Brightwell, 100, of 611 Newberne St., Lynchburg, died Wednesday at Camelot Hall Nursing Home.

Born in Charlotte County, she was the daughter of the late Jacob Thomas and Louisa Roberts St. John. She was a member of College Hill Baptist Church.

She is survived by one son, Frederick W. Brightwell of Lynchburg; three daughters, Mrs. Hazel B. Keyes of Lynchburg, Mrs. Louise B. Clingempeel of Concord, and Mrs. Mozelle B. Parker of Lynchburg; one brother, Kirk H. St. John, Charlotte Court House; nine grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

A private graveside service was held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Fort Hill Memorial Park by the Rev. Wayne Meredith.

Diuguid Waterlick Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Earl Clifford Gregory

Earl Clifford Gregory, 73, of Route 1, Coleman Falls, died Sunday in Lynchburg General Hospital.

Born in Bedford County, he was the son of the late Albert Paul Gregory and Rosa McCool Gregory. He was a retired employee of the Owens-Illinois Corp. and was an Army veteran of World War II. He was a member of Big Island Baptist Church, where he served as an usher. He was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and was a veteran of World War II. He was a member of American Legion Post No. 16 and Chestnut Hill Baptist Church.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Ben (Annie) Wilkinson, Lynchburg; two brothers, William Martin, Colonial Heights, and Marvin Martin, Lynchburg; four sisters, Mrs. D.C. (Anne) Day, Richmond, Mrs. J.H. (Eleanor) Cyrus, Spout Spring, Mrs. J.R. (Evelyn) Morris, Seattle, Wash., and Mrs. H.L. (Dorothy) Wilkerson, Appomattox.

Funeral services were conducted at 1 p.m. Thursday in Chestnut Hill Baptist Church by the Rev. Alden L. Hicks. Interment was in Fort Hill Memorial Park.

Whitten Timberlake Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Thomas W. Paulette

Thomas Wilton Paulette, 59, of Route 1, Charlotte Court House, died suddenly Dec. 27, 1983, in Lynchburg General Hospital.

He was born in Charlotte County, a son of the late Thomas J. Paulette and Caroline Brandon Paulette. He was a retired farmer and a member of Rough Creek Presbyterian Church.

He is survived by his wife, Louise Garrette Paulette; five children, Linda P. May Cheatham, Spout Spring, Calvin J. Paulette, Boulder, Colo., Janice P. Seay, Chase City, Charlotte (Charky) Paulette, Appomattox, Dorothy P. Hutcherson, Charlotte Court House; a grandson, Gregory May and a granddaughter, Marsha Cheatham, both of Spout Spring; three brothers, Ernest J. Paulette, Richmond, H.A. (Alex) Paulette, Appomattox, Jesse T. Paulette, Rustburg; two sisters, Kathleen Williams, Gladys, and Bernice Dodd, Charlotte Court House.

Funeral services were conducted at 3 p.m. Thursday at Rough Creek Presbyterian Church by the Rev. C.H. Watts. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Robinson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Wright Funeral

A funeral service for Mrs. Hilda Wright was held at 2 p.m. at Galilee Baptist Church, Appomattox, with interment in the church cemetery.

West Funeral Home, Appomattox was in charge of arrangements.

Thomas E. LeGrand

Thomas E. LeGrand, 72, of 2730 West Grace Street, Richmond, died Sunday, Jan. 1, 1984 at his residence.

He was born in Appomattox County, a son of the late Thomas Elliott LeGrand and Mattie Algire LeGrand. He was a retired carpenter.

He is survived by a son, Thomas L. LeGrand, Jr., Texas; a number of grandchildren and four sisters, Mrs. R.E. Dalton, Culpeper, Mrs. C.O. Deaner, Culpeper, Mrs. Margaret Hubbard, Harrisonburg, and Mrs. Iris Insley, New Castle, Del.

Graveside funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, Jan. 4, 1984 at Evergreen Cemetary by the Rev. Edmond Terry.

Robinson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Promise Land news

Happy New Year to all and hoping that the coming year will be a great year.

We invite you to worship with us this Sunday at 11 a.m. Regular service and Sunday school at 10 a.m.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Larry Booker, the proud parents of twin girls.

The Heavenly Gospel Singers of Callen will be singing in concert the third Sunday, Jan. 15 at 3 p.m.

Our sympathy goes out to the Stephens family.

Let's all remember to pray for the sick and shut-in.

Let's remember dear friends, room for improvement is the largest room in the world.

Rescue squad gets 59 calls

During the month of November, the Appomattox County Rescue Squad responded to 59 calls. In doing so, they travelled 2,783 miles and expended 322¾ man-hours.

A breakdown of calls follows: auto wreck, 6; overdose, 1; breathing difficulty, 2; miscellaneous, 14; transport, 5; fall, 3; maternity, 2; D.O.A., 2; stroke, 4; insulin shock, 1; chest pains, 8; abdominal pain, 6; gunshot wound, 2; stand-by, 2; seizure, 1.

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AA fellowship held twice each week in Appomattox

Alcoholics Anonymous, a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, their strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism, meets in Appomattox twice weekly. On each Tuesday night, AA meets at 8 p.m. at St. Anne's Episcopal Church. On each Thursday evening, AA meets at 8 p.m. at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church.

The only requirement for membership in AA is a genuine desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for AA membership; members are self supporting through their own contributions.

AA is not allied with any sect, demonstration, politics, organization or institutions; does not wish to engage in aby controversy, neither endorses or opposes any causes. The primary purpose of members of AA is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

The Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous are:

1. We admitted we were powerless over alcohol... that our lives had become unmanagable.

2. Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.

3. Made a decison to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.

4. Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.

5. Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.

6. Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.

7. Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.

8. Make a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.

9. Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.

10. Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.

11. Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understand Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.

12. Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics and to practice those principles in all our affairs.

Appomattox Assembly to meet

All Appomattox Assembly members are urged to attend the regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 5, in the AMS Annex.

Mr. William Quinlan, financial advisor and investment counselor for the Central Fidelity Bank will be guest speaker.

Topics for discussion will be the Scholarship Fund and Charitable Contributions. All interested citizens are welcome.

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Almond retires after 47 years

CARL ALMOND, SECOND from left, recently retired, after more than 30 years of employment with C. E. Estes Common Carrier, Inc., a Richmond based trucking firm operating in Virginia. Pictured with Almond are, left to right, Buck Clements, of Estes; Almond; Mrs. Carl Almond; C. E. Estes, owner of trucking company and Bill Michaux, sales manager of Estes. (Photo courtesy of RICHMOND NEWS LEADER).

By STEVE CLARK
(Courtesy of Richmond News Leader)

A tractor-trailer is the last thing you'd expect Carl Almond would want for Christmas. Almond has been a truck-driving man for the past 47 years, during which time, he figures he has driven roughly 5 million miles.

All told, he probably has spent about 20 years -- or one-third of his life -- sitting behind the steering wheel of a truck. And that's a conservative estimate.

You'd think he would have had a bellyful of trucking, and yet, tomorrow on Christmas morning, Almond would love to look out the window of his home in Appomattox and see that Santa Claus had left him an 18-wheeler.

He'll miss his truck

Almond, 65, retired yesterday after more than 30 years of employment with C.E. Estes Common Carrier Inc., a Richmond-based trucking firm that operates solely in Virginia. When Almond was asked what he was going to miss the most in retirement, he answered quicker than he can shift gears "My truck".

The Appomattox native came to Richmond when he was 18 and got his first job driving a truck. That was in the late 1930s. In 1950 he went to work for C.E. "Ed" Estes, who at that time owned three trucks.

"The other company I was working for kept running me up north all the time, and I didn't like it," Almond said. "I went to work for C. E. 'cause I wanted to do all my driving in Virginia."

In the summer of 1962, Almond quit his job with Estes to move back to Charleston, W.Va. But, in less than a year, he was back.

"Not long after I got to West Virginia the drivers went on strike," Almond said. "I called C.E. and told him I was starving to death and wanted to come back. He said come on."

Estes, whose three-truck operation has grown to three trucking companies that operate a combined total of about 1,300 pieces of equipment, is mighty glad Almond came back. Why? Because, Estes says, Carl Almond is the best truck driver he's ever seen.

"He's completely honest. He's dedicated to the business. He's a company man. I'd buy 100 new trucks today if I could hire 100 Carl Almonds," Estes said jokingly at Almond's retirement party.

Almond says he always looked at Estes as more of a brother than a boss.

"I feel the same about him," Estes said. "He's been more like a brother than an employee. I loaned him money to get married and I loaned him my wife's car to go his honeymoon because the car he had wouldn't have made it."

Not too many employees have the nerve to tell a boss what to do to improve business, but some years ago Almond told Estes to quit buying gasoline-powered trucks and start buying trucks with diesel engines.

"I talked C.E. into buying his first diesel," Almond said. "First time I told him he said, 'I wouldn't have a diesel if you gave me one,' I said, 'If you ever buy one, you'll never buy another gas truck.' He finally listened to me."

About 12 years ago Almond decided to move back to Appomattox and commute to Richmond. Since most of his runs for Estes are to western Virginia, he asked Estes if he could drive his truck home at night so he'd have a headstart the next morning. Estes agreed.

"He's the only driver I've ever allowed to do that," Estes said. "But he takes such good care of his trucks I knew it wouldn't cause me any problems. Every night he has come back to the terminal and washed off his truck himself. Even if the truck had one speck of dust Carl hosed it down. He keeps his floorboard cleaner than most folks keep their kitchen table."

Knows every pig path in Virginia

Almond figures he has driven about 4 million miles in Virginia.

"I reckon I know every highway and every pig path in the state," he said.

And the weather he's been through!

"I've been on some mountain roads in the show where I was so nervous the sweat dripped off my nose," he said. "But I always kept going."

When Almond's son, Frank, was a boy, Almond used to take him on some trips.

"He's sit up on my lap and change gears," Amond said.

The boy must have enjoyed it because today Frank Almond, 40, drives a truck for Safeway Stores Inc. out of Chester.

Estes said if the son is half as good as the daddy, then he's a mighty fine truck driver.

How good a driver is Carl Almond? Bill Michaux, a salesman for Estes, answered that one.

"Carl always has gotten 25 to 30 percent more mileage out of a set of tires, and more miles per gallon than any of our drivers," Michaux said.

Almond made his last run for Estes on Thursday. He went to Roanoke. Yesterday he attended his retirement party at Estes' Willis Road terminal, then drove home to Appomattox ... but not in an 18-wheeler.

"I don't mifd quitting my job," Almond said. "But I don't like giving up my truck. I've been parking one in my yard for the past 12 years. I told my wife that when I look out the window now, I'm gonna miss it."

Resolve to lose weight

A popular New Year's resolution is to do something about one's weight. Have you resolved to lose weight in 1984? If so, how are you going to go about it? You probably know how to lose weight - eat less (take in fewer calories) or become more active (use up more calories) or do both in order to end up with a calorie deficit.

Just knowing what one needs to do is not always enough. Many persons find it easier to lose weight if they have support from another person or a group. A family member, friend, dietitian, physician or counselor can be the support person. Support groups may be informal or organized with the emphasis on weight loss. You may find the support for free or a fee. Unfortunately, cost is not an indication of quality.

If you decide to seek help, find out as much as you can about a program before committing yourself and your money to it. The Nutrition Committee of the Virginia Council on Health and Medical Care suggests that you be wary of programs with the following characteristics.

1. A recommended calorie level under 1000/day or exclusion of one basic food group (milk/dairy, meat/protein, bread/grain, fruit/vegetable) is promoted. An example would be a program that recommends elimination of starches (bread/grain group) and other carbohydrate foods.

2. Nutrition guidance is provided by persons without adequate training in nutrition. Thinness may be a counselor's qualification rather than knowledge of nutrition.

3. Misleading claims regarding the use of vitamin or mineral supplements or other products are made. Claims made may associate special properties with a particular vitamin or may suggest that a supplement will make up any deficiencies in the diet.

4. The program recommends or sells special products or foods that would not normally be bought or could be purchased for less at a retail grocery store. You may be required to buy expensive special food items, protein supplements, or vitamin and mineral supplements which are beyond your financial means.

5. A large weight loss is promised in a short period of time. Two pounds per week represents a drastic cut in food intake and is probably the maximum you should expect to lose.

6. Analysis of little or no diagnostic value is performed. Hair, nail, or enzyme analysis have little value for assessing nutritional status.

7. Excessive thinness is held up as a model. Testimonials for the program show persons whose weight goals are unrealistically low.

There are some good programs available. One is the DEB program offered by the Virginia Cooperative Extension Service. It is a series of 10 weekly lessons focusing on diet, exercise, and behavior modification. The lesson materials were developed by faculty members in the Department of Human Nutrition and Foods at Virginia Tech for use by Extension Agents, Home Economics.

Once you've determined which weight loss is for you, become an enthusiastic participant. Take pride in your accomplishments no matter how small. Don't be discouraged.

May your resolution to lose weight be one that you keep.

Calendar

Assembly to meet

THURSDAY, JAN. 5

The Appomattox Assembly will meet at the AMS Annex. William Quinlan, financial adviser and investment counselor for Central Fidelity Bank, will be on hand to discuss the Rev. R.G. Lawing Scholarship Fund and charitable contributions.

OEH meeting set

THURSDAY, JAN. 5

The Oakville Extension Homemakers will meet at 1:30 p.m. at the Oakville School. If you would like to join, call the president of the club, Geraldine Marshall, at 352-8093. This meeting is open to all people, regardless of race, color, creed or age.

Woman's Club

SATURDAY, JAN. 7

The Appomattox Woman's Club will meet at noon at the Heritage Inn. Dr. Charlotte Smith, director of Lark School will be guest speaker.

OHGC to meet

TUESDAY, JAN. 10

The Oakville Home and Garden Club will meet at 11 a.m. in the Oakville School. This will be an all-day meeting for planning. Meat and drinks will be furnished for lunch. Members may bring a vegetable, salad or dessert. All members are requested to be present.

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Kim Maxwell makes Dean's List at JMU

Kimberly Dawn Maxwell, a freshman at James Madison University, has been named to the Dean's List for the first semester at that University.

In order to qualify for Dean's List at JMU, a student must earn a grade-point average of 3.4 or more on a 4.0 grading scale.

Kim is the daughter of Bonnie Schetrompf of Lynchburg, and Thomas Maxwell of Appomattox. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. H.H. Moore Jr. and Appomattox, and Mr. and Mrs. G.C. Maxwell of Pamplin.

The South 40

Temperatures mean more feed

By JAMES A. SMITH
Extension Agent

The low temperatures since mid-December have required heavier feeding of cattle. I am discovering an increased use of poultry litter for beef cattle. This is a good source of nutrients. It needs to go through a curing process and a storage facility is needed. It is fairly low cost and is a source of feed that cattlemen need to strongly consider for another year. It works best when mixed with other feed such as silage.

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There were 25 who braved the freezing rain and sleet to attend the Open House at Red House Bull Evaluation Center last week. Some coming from Virginia Beach and Gloucester County.

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Farm Record Books are available from our office. Cost is $2.00.

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The safest time to vaccinate beef cows is when they are open. This suggests: The need to protect cattle through vaccination, that calving needs to be grouped so that a number of cattle can be worked at one time and that abortion that could result from handling or vaccines is eliminated.

The entire herd, plus replacement heifers, need to be vaccinated. Discuss with your veterinarian a plan, but generally you need to include IBR, PI3, BVD, at least a 5 strain lepto and possibly Vibriosis. Don't overlook the calfhood vaccination for the heifers. Also, evaluate your forage -- if the quality is low, a Vitamin A injection of at least one million units is appropriate. Several of these vaccines can be combined; therefore, there isn't as much sticking with a needle as may be implied.

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The rains this fall and early winter, plus moderate temperatures have produced excellent grazing and helped save a limited feed supply. Many farms have unusually good growth on small grains. Take advantage of this forage and graze these fields. Calves will probably make the best use of the small grain forage. You can add 50 pounds per calf. A creep gate into these fields and an electric wire to restrict their movement is all that's needed.

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One of the biggest complaints from buyers of Virginia feeder pigs is internal parasites (worms). There are a number of good worming products on the market. There is no need to tolerate loss of weight and vigor because of worms.

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